

# POSITIVELY PECULIAR

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## CITY MEETINGS



Board of Alderman  
1st & 3rd Mondays, 6:30 p.m.  
Each Month

Planning and Zoning  
Commission  
2nd Thursday, 7:00 p.m.  
Each Month

Park Board  
2nd Monday, 7:00 p.m.  
Each Month

All meetings are held at City Hall in the Council Chambers and are open to the public. City Hall is located at 250 S. Main Street.

Board of Aldermen meetings are video taped and are played at 1:00pm Monday through Friday and can be viewed on Comcast Cable Channel 7.

All agendas and minutes from city meetings are available on the City website at [www.cityofpeculiar.org](http://www.cityofpeculiar.org).

## A MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR

This is the last newsletter before the election on April 8. Please VOTE. You will be electing a new Mayor and three Aldermen. Also the \$0.01 per gallon fuel tax will be on the ballot. Additional information on the fuel tax can be found in this newsletter.

Note that I stated above that you will be electing a new Mayor. After three terms as your Mayor, I have decided not to run again. It has been my privilege and honor to serve the citizens of Peculiar as Mayor. As a result of these past six years, I believe the growth of Peculiar will continue on an upward path. I ran on improving the infrastructure of Peculiar and I believe it has improved substantially. Improvements have been completed to the sanitary sewer system. Plans are being prepared for water line improvements to be constructed later this year. Final plans are close to completion for the 211th Street Interchange project, right of way will soon be purchased and bids may be taken in 2015. Many miles of streets have been resurfaced. Bids will be taken soon for the first phase of improvements to Raisbeck Park. I also feel that I leave Peculiar with the most professional staff in its history. I feel that Peculiar is in good shape for the next Mayor and I hope that he or she will have the best interests of Peculiar in their heart.

*Ernest Jungmeyer*



The Peculiar Parks & Recreation Department will be hosting Coed Soccer and Girls Youth Volleyball this spring. Registration ends on February 7<sup>th</sup>. Online Registration is available.

Coed Soccer: Ages 4-9 with divisions of U5, U6, U8 and U10 (more information online)

Girls Volleyball: Grades 4<sup>th</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup> (more information online)

Log onto our website at [www.cityofpeculiar.org](http://www.cityofpeculiar.org) for league and registration information

**MOTOR VEHICLE FUEL TAX**

**The City is proposing a local fuel tax to be used to fund the construction, reconstruction, maintenance, repair, signing, lighting, and cleaning of roads and streets at the rate of one cent (\$0.01) per gallon to be imposed on all merchants for the sale of fuel (gas and diesel) used for propelling motor vehicles pursuant of the authority granted by and subject to the provisions of Article IV Section 30(A) of the Missouri Constitution. The proposed City fuel tax cannot become effective until approved by a 2/3 (two-thirds) or 66.67% majority of the voters at a municipal general election. This tax shall be submitted to the qualified voters of Peculiar, Mo. for their approval, at the General Election to be held in the City on Tuesday, April 8, 2014.**

*The ballot of submission shall contain substantially the following language:*

**Shall the City of Peculiar, Missouri, impose a motor vehicle fuel tax, including both gasoline and diesel fuel, at a rate of (\$0.01) per gallon to be used to fund the construction, reconstruction, maintenance, repair, policing, signing, lighting, and cleaning of roads and/or streets; and for the payment of principal and interest on bonded indebtedness incurred for road and street purposes, the use thereof being subject to such other provisions and restrictions as provided by law?**

**YES**

**NO**

**If you are in favor of the question, place an "X" in the box opposite "YES". If you are opposed to the question, place an "X" in the box opposite "NO".**

*What does this mean to you?*

**The City estimates that \$80,000 to \$100,000 per year would be collected from this fuel tax. The City estimates that over 80% of this would come from truckers and cars traveling through Peculiar on I-49. The remaining \$20,000 would be collected from residents who purchase their fuel in Peculiar. If you drive 12,000 miles per year and get 20 miles per gallon, your extra costs for fuel would be \$.50 per month. This is a small cost to resident of Peculiar for better roads.**

**PLEASE VOTE ON APRIL 8th  
THE MONEY GENERATED WILL ONLY BE USED FOR ROADS!**

## Get in the know about snow removal in Peculiar

The winter season is here again and that means sometimes dealing with snow accumulation and slippery surfaces. While shoveling your driveway can be a hassle, imagine being responsible for clearing nearly 40 lane miles of city streets during a snow event.

That's what Peculiar Public Works' staff is tasked with whenever snowfall accumulates, working 12-hour shifts around-the-clock to keep the city's roadways traversable. Even before a snow event begins, crews are often out applying a salt/sand mixture to roadways to aid in clearing streets of forecasted snow and ice.

For its snow removal operations, Peculiar has divided its city streets into three priority categories. First priority is given to roadways designated as primary thoroughfares.

Once these main roadways have been cleared, road crews will move on to plowing secondary priority collector streets and progressing through the route priorities in order, with the lowest traveled residential streets and cul-de-sacs seeing service last. The City's goal is to clear all priority routes within 24 hours after the snow has stopped.

To better understand Peculiar's snow plowing operations and current winter weather information, residents are encouraged to look at the winter weather information on the City's website at [www.cityofpeculiar.org](http://www.cityofpeculiar.org).

The City does not salt or plow private property, and will not remove snow deposited by snowplows in driveways or next to mail boxes. Additionally, snow removal on parking lots and sidewalks is the property owner's responsibility.

"Slick street" calls from residents are handled as quickly as possible. However, road crews do not deviate from emergency route clearance unless a police or fire emergency arises.



Peculiar Public Works offers these tips to help expedite snow removal and ensure public safety:

- Make sure to have the proper snow or all weather tires on your vehicle to prevent you from getting stuck.
- If possible, park vehicles off of the street and don't allow your vehicles to hang into the road from the driveway. Cars in the roadway hinder the performance of the snow removal operations.
- Shovel the snow to the right side of the driveway as you face the street. This will lessen the amount of snow windrows left at the mouth of the driveway when the snowplows come by. These windrows cannot be prevented, but residents can minimize the problem by clearing a 15-foot long area of the curb line in advance of the drive. Most, but not all, of the snow from the plow will be deposited in the clear area.
- Stay back at least 50 feet from the rear of the plow truck so the driver can see you. Remember, if you can't see the driver in his mirrors, he can't see you.

**Peculiar is experiencing many of these frauds:**

**Telemarketing Fraud**

When you send money to people you do not know personally or give personal or financial information to unknown callers, you increase your chances of becoming a victim of telemarketing fraud. Here are some warning signs of telemarketing fraud—what a caller may tell you: “You must act ‘now’ or the offer won’t be good.”

- “You’ve won a ‘free’ gift, vacation, or prize.” But you have to pay for “postage and handling” or other charges.
- “You must send money, give a credit card or bank account number, or have a check picked up by courier.” You may hear this before you have had a chance to consider the offer carefully.
- “You don’t need to check out the company with anyone.” The callers say you do not need to speak to anyone including your family, lawyer, accountant, local Better Business Bureau, or consumer protection agency.
- “You don’t need any written information about their company or their references.”

“You can’t afford to miss this ‘high-profit, no-risk’ offer.”

If you hear these or similar “lines” from a telephone salesperson, just say “no thank you” and hang up the telephone.

**Tips for Avoiding Telemarketing Fraud:**

It’s very difficult to get your money back if you’ve been cheated over the telephone. Before you buy anything by telephone, remember:

- ✦ Don’t buy from an unfamiliar company. Legitimate businesses understand that you want more information about their company and are happy to comply.
- ✦ Always ask for and wait until you receive written material about any offer or charity. If you get brochures about costly investments, ask someone whose financial advice you trust to review them. But, unfortunately, beware—not everything written down is true.
- ✦ Always check out unfamiliar companies with your local consumer protection agency, Better Business Bureau, state attorney general, the National Fraud Information Center, or other watchdog groups. Unfortunately, not all bad businesses can be identified through these organizations.
- ✦ Obtain a salesperson’s name, business identity, telephone number, street address, mailing address, and business license number before you transact business. Some con artists give out false names, telephone numbers, addresses, and business license numbers. Verify the accuracy of these items.

**Please Vote!**

Calendar of Events  
February 7th – Volleyball/Soccer  
registration ends.  
April 8th–Municipal General  
Election.

**CURRENT RESIDENT**



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